Knowledge Management for Food Security & Agriculture Programs

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE

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Project Title	Knowledge Management for Food Security & Agriculture Programs
Project Summary	Assist the USAID Bureau for Food Security's Knowledge Management & Learning team with research, writing, blogging, web tasks (via http://Agrilinks.org), community-building, data analytics, and/or social media to support knowledge-sharing among agricultural development practitioners.
Country	United States
Agency	Agency for International Development
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

Our e-Interns will perform a variety of tasks to support knowledge-sharing under Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. We expect this to be an educational experience that expands the interns' understanding of agricultural development, food security, global nutrition, and USAID programs, while simultaneously providing useful deliverables and support for the Knowledge Management team at the USAID Bureau for Food Security.

Potential projects include:
--Researching and compiling a database of available online trainings related to food security
--Writing original content and curating content for the Agrilinks.org blog
--Attending seminars, webinars, and online discussions sponsored by the USAID Bureau for Food Security or partner organizations, and writing summaries
--"Beta-testing" training modules and new web tools
--Creating an engagement plan to help increase participation in the Agrilinks.org platform
--Surveying and cataloguing USAID video content relating to food security
--Other creative tasks based on the student's skill set

Necessary skills for this e-Internship include conducting basic online research, social media, writing/editing/blogging skills, and an ability to learn new knowledge-sharing tools and techniques. Strong communication skills and attention to detail are a must. We hope to attract candidates with a topical interest in international agriculture, food security, nutrition, natural resource management, and/or microenterprise development.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Expected time commitment: Approximately 5 hours per week from September 2017 through May 2018, with breaks as needed for student exams and holidays. Some weeks might require more than 5 hours, other weeks fewer.

Communication requirements: The e-Interns must be able to communicate easily by email and phone. Consistent internet access is required. Supervisor check-ins will occur frequently by email, occasionally by phone.

Language Requirements

None